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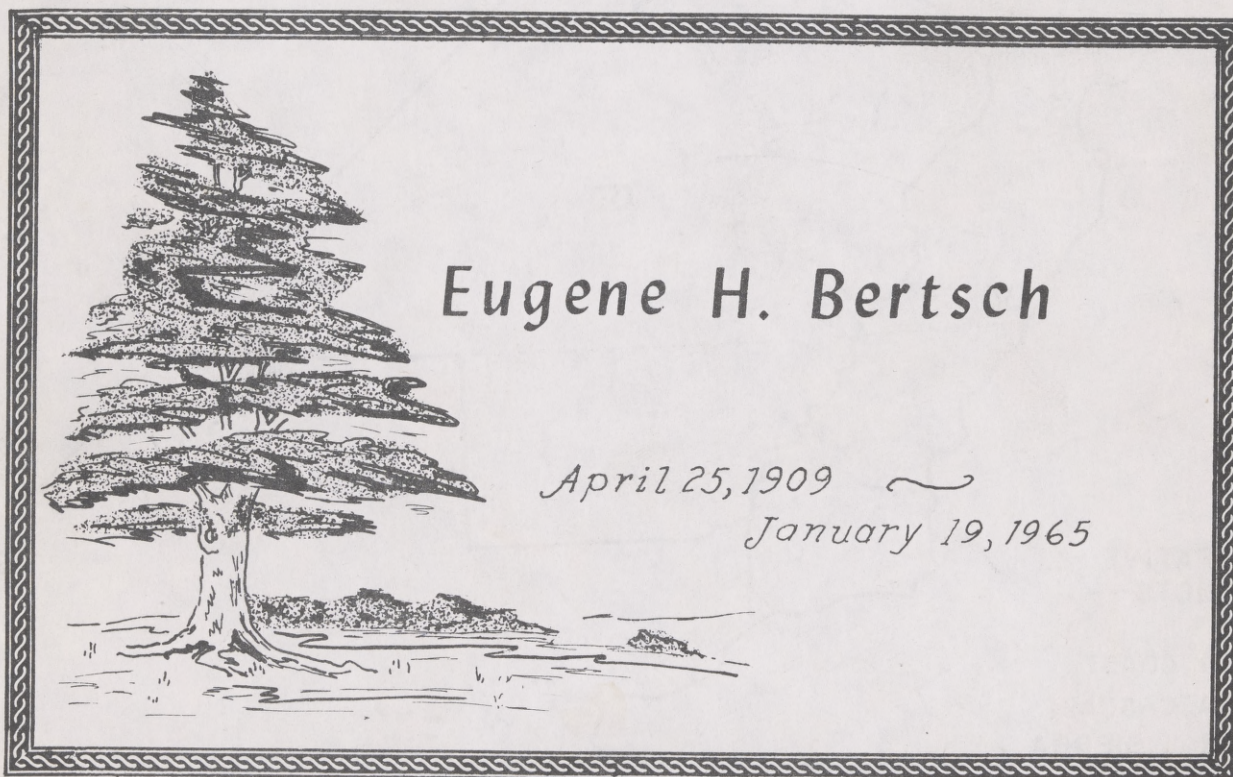
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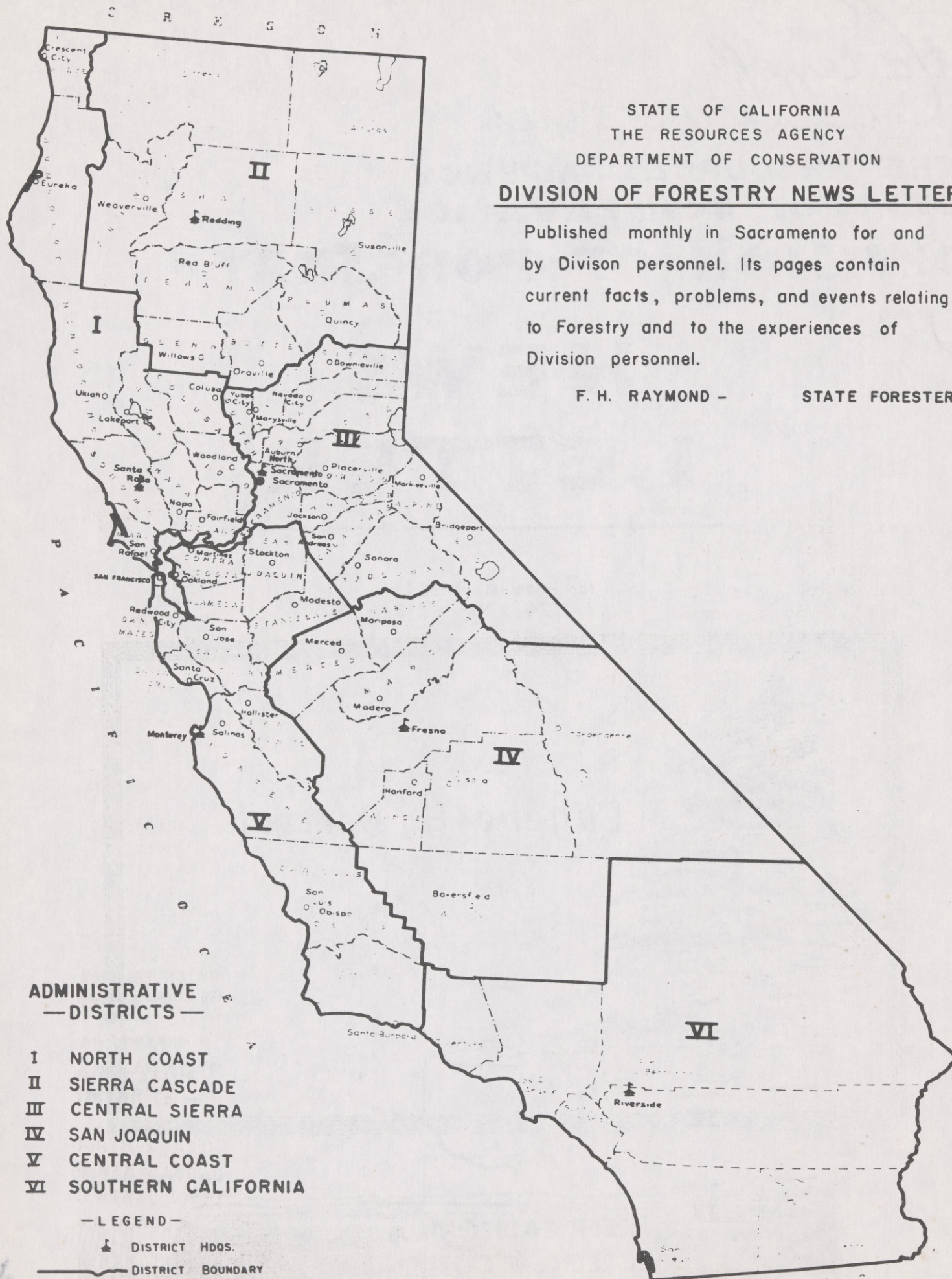
**ADMINISTRATIVE
—DISTRICTS—**

- I NORTH COAST
- II SIERRA CASCADE
- III CENTRAL SIERRA
- IV SAN JOAQUIN
- V CENTRAL COAST
- VI SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

—LEGEND—

▲ DISTRICT HQDS.

— DISTRICT BOUNDARY



JANUARY ACTIVITIES

FLOOD PROBLEMS A MAJOR DIVISION OF FORESTRY ACTIVITY

Flood problems which started last December continued to be a major time consumer of Division of Forestry field forces and Conservation Camp crews led by them during the first two weeks in January. North Coast forestry personnel are still busy assisting in emergency cleanup and repair along with local authorities and other State agencies.

FIRE PROBLEMS

Obliteration of many miles of roads, trails, and communication lines leaves much of the North Coast largely unprotected under the present Division of Forestry forest fire protection plan. Teams are currently assessing 1965 fire protection needs for the many isolated areas where rapid access could make the difference between a statistic or a conflagration, should a fire start. A new fire protection plan will be developed for the area before next fire season.

BOOST TO TIMBER ECONOMY

Other activities which should help relieve some suffering and bolster the economy of part of the distressed area include awarding a sale of old growth timber on January 19th to Firco, Inc., of Willits in Mendocino County having a value of \$215 thousand dollars and preparation for another sale scheduled for February 18 for approximately 7.5 million board feet of timber. Both sales are from the Jackson State Forest in Mendocino County and do not require any major road building or repair in get-

ting the product to market.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

STATE BOARD OF FORESTRY PROBES NORTH COAST FLOOD

The State Board of Forestry met in February to probe the causes of the 1964 flood and its affect on the resources and people of the North Coastal area. A primary concern of the Board was the scientific facts of the inter-relationship of peak flood flows to the storm pattern, previous rainfall, soil, topographic, and land-use conditions as a basis for developing and improving forest policy.

Resource experts from State and Federal agencies, the University of California, and from private organizations were called upon to assist the Board in its study.

Consensus of the scientists reporting was that no human activity materially affected peak flood flows; that land management practices, while vitally important in protecting against erosion and sedimentation during anything resembling a normal situation would contribute little to flood peaks under conditions that existed during the disaster, and that uprooted whole trees were a major cause of damage.

The State Board of Forestry will publish proceedings of the meeting which will be available to legislators, planners, and serious students of the December, 1964, storm.

NEW TIMBER HARVEST METHOD TO BE
TESTED

Al Thrasher Lumber Company of Calpella, Mendocino County, was high bidder for some 7.5 million board feet of young redwood and fir offered for sale on the Jackson State Forest near Fort Bragg in Mendocino County. Revenue from the sale which covers almost 200 acres, should be about \$160 thousand.

In addition to improved management and fire control access, the sale will improve growing conditions for the remaining trees. The Al Thrasher Lumber Company will be required to use a new cutting method developed on the experimental forest, described as "small group selection cutting."

DIVISION OF FORESTRY FLOOD DAMAGE
LIGHT PROBLEM GREAT

Division of Forestry facilities suffered very light damage compared to others during the December, 1964, storm. Estimates made in February indicate total damages at only \$65,470.

By far the greatest losses occurred in Humboldt County when a house trailer was swept away while the occupant was engaged in rescue, and some \$7,500 damages to the Bridgeville Forest Fire Station which was inundated. Minor damages to communication facilities and motorized equipment used in rescue work were noted.

In spite of "very light" direct losses, effective forest fire control is expected to be severely hampered because of lack of access due to heavily damaged public and private road systems, many of which will not be completely repaired before the 1965 fire season.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

ADMINISTRATION

12-27-64 Virginia Dabney, Intermediate Stenographer in Management Services, resigned to accept employment with Department of Water Resources.

12-29-64 Muriel K. Arreguy appointed Intermediate Stenographer in Management Services.

12-31-64 John Friend, Skilled Laborer in Nursery, resigned.

1-4-65 Louis J. Bowle appointed as Electrician I in Engineering.

1-4-65 Gerald E. Ranger, Forestry Graduate Trainee in Engineering, went on military leave of absence.

1-8-65 Gayle R. Madden, Intermediate Typist Clerk in Management Services, resigned.

1-8-65 Gabriela H. Gutierrez reinstated as Intermediate Typist Clerk in Management Services.

12-2-64 Daniel Dotta promoted from Forester II to Forester III in Forest Management.

1-19-65 Eugene H. Bertsch, Deputy State Forester of Fire Prevention and Education, deceased.

1-19-65 Mary Ann Mosely, Senior Stenographer in Management Services, deceased.

1-31-65 Howard L. Gray, Assistant Construction Inspector of District I, retired.

2-25-65 Perry D. Hershberger promoted from Carpenter Foreman Sonoma County, to Assistant Construction Inspector District I - headquarters.

3-1-65 Arlys M. Roeske, Delineator, Engineering, resigned.

3-1-65 LeReva Chance appointed Intermediate Typist Clerk, Management Services.

3-12-65 Tommy J. Harr, Student Professional Assistant in Fire Prevention Education completed temporary assignment.

3-15-65 Charles E. Nelson appointed Student Professional Assistant in Fire Prevention Education.

DISTRICT I

10-31-64 William G. Arrowood, Forest Fire Truck Driver, Sonoma, Disability Retirement.

12-15-64 Vincent L. Eddinger appointed Forest Fireman at Sonoma.

12-15-64 Vernon C. Edgley appointed Forestry Fireman at Sonoma.

12-22-64 Curtiss W. Kennon, Forester I, Jackson, resigned.

1-1-65 J. C. McKinnon reinstated from Forestry Foreman II at Black Mountain Conservation Camp to Forestry Foreman I in Humboldt.

1-7-65 Robert A. Hunt, Forest Fire Truck Driver, reinstated from military leave, Napa.

1-8-65 Ernest F. Fink, reemployed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Napa.

1-1-65 Louis E. Gunter changed from Forester II to Forest Fire Prevention Officer in Sonoma.

1-10-65 Gary L. Pitzer, Forestry Foreman II at Alder Conservation Camp, resigned.

1-30-65 Milton E. Ott, Forestry Foreman

I in Humboldt, resigned.

1-31-65 Kenneth B. Haggard, Forest Fire Truck Driver at Napa, resigned.

2-1-65 Richard J. Smart promoted from Assistant State Forest Ranger at Napa to Associate State Forest Ranger at Lake.

2-1-65 Walter G. Williams promoted from Forestry Foreman I at Shasta to Assistant State Forest Ranger at Sonoma.

2-4-65 Albert A. Lime appointed Camp Crew Cook at Lake.

2-16-65 Lillian H. Boler has returned from a leave of absence for illness as Intermediate Typist Clerk at Humboldt.

2-19-65 Garlen L. Cannon, Forestry Equipment Operator at Mendocino has resigned.

2-19-65 Neal E. Judkins, Forest Equipment Operator at Mendocino has resigned.

2-19-65 Kenneth R. Goings promoted from Junior Forester to Assistant State Forest Ranger at Lake.

DISTRICT II

12-2-64 Charles R. Powers, promoted from Associate State Forest Ranger, to Forest Fire Prevention Officer in Shasta County.

12-10-64 Mary Jane Anderson, Intermediate Stenographer, resigned from Shasta County.

12-15-64 Bette L. Spicer, Intermediate Clerk, resigned from Shasta County.

1-1-65 Ronald C. Abrahamson, promoted from Forestry Equipment Operator to Forestry Foreman II in Lassen County.

12-14-64 Robert K. Rice, promoted from Forestry Foreman I to Forestry Foreman II in Butte County.

1-1-65 Norman R. Greenfield, promoted from Forest Fire Truck Driver to Forestry Foreman I in Shasta County.

1-1-65 Robert G. Partridge, Forestry Equipment Operator, transferred from District I to District II, Shasta County.

1-4-65 Charles E. Freeman, promoted from Forest Fire Truck Driver to Forestry Foreman I in Butte County.

1-4-65 Norman W. Taylor, promoted from Forest Fire Truck Driver to Forestry Foreman I in Butte County.

1-15-65 William A. Fowler, Forest Fire Truck Driver, promoted to Forestry Foreman I in Butte County.

2-1-65 Howard E. O'Brien, promoted from Forestry Foreman II to Assistant State Forest Ranger in Shasta County.

3-2-65 William T. Imboden, promoted from Forestry Graduate Trainee to Junior Forester in Shasta County.

3-2-65 William E. Cotter, Forest Fire Truck Driver, promoted to Forestry Foreman I in Tehama County.

3-2-65 Donald A. Domke, promoted from Assistant State Forest Ranger to Associate State Forest Ranger in Shasta County.

3-1-65 Peter V. Greene, Forestry Foreman I, resigned.

3-10-65 Charles H. Smith, Forest Fire Truck Driver, resigned from Shasta County.

2-1-65 Walter G. Williams, Forestry Foreman I, promoted to Assistant State Forest Ranger in District I.

DISTRICT III

12-2-64 Raymond R. Higgins, appointed Forest Fire Prevention Officer in Sacramento.

12-21-64 Charlotte A. Cannon, appointed Intermediate Typist Clerk in Nevada County.

12-28-64 Gary M. Coffey, appointed to Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tuolumne County.

12-2-64 Everett H. Judge, Jr., appointed to Forestry Foreman I in Calaveras from Forest Fire Truck Driver in District V.

1-25-65 Fred H. Kelsea, appointed Forestry Foreman II in Sacramento, Folsom Lake Conservation Camp from Forestry Foreman I in District V.

1-31-65 Robert E. Fisher, resigned as Food Service Assistant I in Amador County.

2-1-65 Donald G. Wallace, appointed as Forestry Foreman II in Sacramento from Forest Fire Truck Driver in District V.

12-14-64 Deon B. Barker, Jr., appointed Forestry Foreman I in Tuolumne County from Forest Fire Truck Driver.

2-1-65 Neil McBride appointed Assistant State Forest Ranger in Sacramento from Forestry Foreman II in Mendocino County.

2-1-65 Edwin A. Karman, promoted to Associate State Forest Ranger in Sacramento from Assistant State Forest Ranger in Riverside County.

2-9-65 Robert F. Reader, II, appointed Food Service Assistant I in

in Amador County.

2-18-65 Thomas A. Appel, appointed Junior Forester Civil Service from TAU in El Dorado County.

2-18-65 James C. Major, appointed Junior Forester Civil Service from TAU in Sacramento.

DISTRICT IV

12-24-64 Piete P. Vandenbosch, Forestry Fireman in Fresno County on temporary Military Leave for 4 months.

12-28-64 John C. Steele appointed as Forestry Fireman in Fresno County.

1-1-65 Nicholas R. Rocco promoted to Forest Fire Truck Driver in Madera County from Forestry Fireman in Fresno County.

1-1-65 Bartholomew Sciacqua promoted to Forestry Foreman I in Merced County from Forest Fire Truck Driver in Madera County.

1-1-65 Stanley R. Knox appointed as Heavy Equipment Operator in Fresno County.

1-7-65 Francis L. Bawden resigned as Forestry Foreman I in Mariposa County.

1-12-65 Gerald L. Parnell appointed as Forestry Fireman in Fresno County.

1-12-65 Larry G. Hansen, Forestry Fireman in Fresno County, deceased.

1-22-65 James J. Counsilman appointed as Groundsman in Fresno County.

1-31-65 George S. Johnson resigned as Forestry Fireman in Fresno County.

2-1-65 Oryn M. Wasson was promoted to Forestry Equipment Operator from Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare

County.

2-4-65 William J. Filippini, Forest Fire Truck Driver in Fresno County, is on an educational Leave of Absence.

2-5-65 James T. Gahagan resigned as a Forest Fire Truck Driver in Fresno County.

2-1-65 Harold E. Worley, Assistant State Forest Ranger, transferred from Lassen County in District II to Fresno County.

2-18-65 Lahman E. Hartzell appointed as Permanent Junior Forester in Fresno County.

2-18-65 Norman N. Stoneman appointed as Permanent Junior Forester in Fresno County.

2-18-65 Roy L. Killion appointed as Permanent Junior Forester in Fresno County.

2-18-65 Stanley R. MacDonald appointed as Permanent Junior Forester in Inyo County.

2-18-65 Roger D. Helm appointed as Permanent Junior Forester in Tulare County.

2-19-65 Robert C. Kyllis appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver in Madera County.

1-22-65 Jesse R. Singhurst, Forestry Foreman I in Tulare County retired due to disability.

2-20-65 Nicholas R. Rocco resigned as Forest Fire Truck Driver in Madera County.

2-26-65 Clifford B. Johnson appointed as Camp Crew Cook in Fresno County.

3-2-65 Charles F. Cato, Jr., appointed as a Forestry Foreman II in Fresno

County.

3-14-65 John C. Hansen, Associate State Forest Ranger in Fresno County, deceased.

DISTRICT V

12-2-64 Everett H. Judge, Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Luis Obispo County, now Forestry Foreman I, Calaveras County.

12-25-64 William H. Threlkeld, Forestry Foreman I, Monterey County, deceased.

12-31-64 Gerald A. Eller, Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Mateo County, resigned.

12-31-64 Teddy B. Melott, Forestry Fireman, San Mateo County, resigned.

12-31-64 Craig S. Bradford, Forestry Fireman, San Mateo County, resigned.

12-31-64 Henry R. Horton, Forestry Foreman I, Monterey County, resigned.

12-31-64 Cecylle J. Loomis, Intermediate Clerk, Santa Cruz County, retired.

1-4-65 Martha B. Tyson, Staff to the Director, Intermediate Typist Clerk, Sacramento County, transferred to District V, Santa Cruz County.

1-5-65 John L. Brewton, Jr., appointed Forestry Fireman, San Mateo County.

11-29-64 Michael J. Dudgeon, Forest Fire Truck Driver, Santa Clara County, separated while on Military Leave of Absence.

1-14-65 Michael V. Shea, Forest Fire Truck Driver, Santa Clara County, on indefinite Military Leave of Absence.

1-15-65 Ronald E. Reynolds, appointed Forestry Fireman, San Mateo County.

1-15-65 James F. Lawrence, appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Mateo County.

1-22-65 Ruth J. Cookingham, Intermediate Stenographer, Monterey County, resigned to accept job with Industrial Accident Commission.

1-27-65 Willard G. Gogue, appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Benito County.

1-31-65 Howard B. Ingles, Jr., Forestry Fireman, San Mateo County, resigned.

2-2-65 Michael J. Doherty, Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Luis Obispo County, on Indefinite Military Leave of Absence.

2-2-65 Raymond L. Hebrard, Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Luis Obispo County, on indefinite Military Leave of Absence.

2-4-65 James E. Dunford, appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Luis Obispo County.

1-31-65 Robert T. Browning, Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Mateo County, resigned.

2-5-65 Kenneth D. Rogers, Forestry Foreman I, Santa Clara, Resigned.

2-5-65 Marvin L. DeHaven, appointed Forestry Fireman, San Mateo County.

2-8-65 Michael A. Balesteri, appointed Forestry Fireman, San Mateo County.

2-12-65 Alford J. Banta, appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Mateo County.

2-18-65 Frank B. Lewis, appointed Civil Service Junior Forester, San Mateo County.

2-18-65 Daniel K. Purkey, appointed Civil Service Junior Forester, San Benito County.

2-23-65 James R. Layton, reinstated from Military Leave as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Santa Clara County.

2-28-65 Orval D. Jones, Forestry Foreman II, Santa Cruz County, retired.

3-1-65 Edward T. Tani, Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Mateo County, resigned.

3-2-65 Ronald L. Sargent, appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Mateo County.

DISTRICT VI

11-1-64 Cyrillis W. Homes, Jr., appointed TAU as Forest Fire Prevention Officer at Riverside County.

11-1-64 Robert S. Lix, promoted from Assistant State Forest Ranger at San Bernardino County to Associate State Forest Ranger at Riverside County.

11-4-64 Shadrick M. Holliday, Forest Fire Truck Driver, resigned at Riverside County.

11-23-64 Ernest H. Wasley promoted from Forestry Foreman I at San Bernardino County to Forestry Foreman II at Pilot Rock Conservation Camp, San Bernardino County.

11-23-64 Marvin L. Bent promoted from Forestry Foreman I at Orange County to Forestry Foreman II at Pilot Rock Conservation Camp, San Bernardino County.

11-23-64 Robert E. Hamm, promoted from Forestry Foreman I at San Diego County to Forestry Foreman II at Cuyamaca Conservation Camp, San Diego County.

11-23-64 Charles S. Nimens, Camp Crew Cook, separated at Riverside County.

11-24-64 Joseph A. Scherman, State Forest Ranger III, retired at Riverside County.

11-25-64 Peter J. Keller promoted from Forestry Foreman I at Riverside County to Forestry Foreman II at Rainbow Conservation Camp, San Diego County.

11-25-64 Robert L. Caplinger promoted from Forestry Foreman I to Forestry Foreman II at Riverside County.

11-25-64 Andrew Van Rillaer promoted from Forest Fire Truck Driver at Fresno County to Forestry Foreman I at San Bernardino County.

11-28-64 Otis W. Sparks promoted from Forest Firefighter to Forestry Fireman at Orange County.

12-1-64 Ross E. Bartlett resigned at San Diego County as Forest Fire Truck Driver.

12-1-64 George H. Loving, Forest Fire Truck Driver, resigned at San Bernardino County.

12-2-64 Vernon L. Murray promoted from Forestry Foreman I at Riverside County to Forestry Foreman II at Cuyamaca Conservation Camp, San Diego County.

12-2-64 Lawrence E. Lathrop, Jr., promoted from Forest Fire Truck Driver at San Mateo County to Forestry Foreman I at Riverside County.

12-2-64 Ronald L. Miller promoted from Forest Fire Truck Driver at Napa County to Forestry Foreman I at San Bernardino County.

12-4-64 Randolph W. Wilson, Forest Fire Truck Driver, on 4-month Military Leave at San Bernardino County.

12-4-64 Lyle H. Sorensen, Forestry Foreman I, granted medical Leave of Absence at Orange County.

12-16-64 David L. Kinneberg promoted from Forest Firefighter to Forest Fireman at Orange County.

12-21-64 Arthur D. Cole, Jr., appointed Forestry Foreman I at Orange County.

12-29-64 Larry T. McMahan promoted from Forest Fire Truck Driver at Riverside County to Forestry Foreman I at San Bernardino County.

12-31-64 Nick C. Neve, Forest Fireman, on indefinite Military Leave at Orange County.

12-31-64 William E. Head, Forest Fire Truck Driver, resigned at Riverside County.

1-1-65 Lyle H. Sorensen, Forestry Foreman I, deceased at Orange County.

1-1-65 Willard E. Donaldson, promoted from Forestry Foreman I at Riverside County to Forestry Foreman II at Prado Conservation Camp, San Bernardino County.

1-1-65 Harold Christopher promoted from Forest Fire Truck Driver at San Bernardino County to Forestry Foreman II at Cuyamaca Conservation Camp, San Diego County.

1-18-65 Gary L. Brown, appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver at Riverside County.

1-18-65 George R. Sarantos appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver at Riverside County.

1-25-65 Jeff W. West appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver at San Bernardino County -- Separated same date.

1-31-65 Glen J. Newman, Forest Fire Truck Driver on indefinite Military Leave at Riverside County.

1-31-65 Ronald L. Coleman, Forest Fire Truck Driver, resigned at San Bernardino County.

1-31-65 Eva G. Leindecker, Intermediate Stenographer, resigned at San Bernardino County.

1-31-65 Luther O. Harp, Automotive Maintenance Foreman at San Bernardino County, transferring to State Highway Patrol Agency.

2-1-65 Howard E. Newbern transferred from Division of Highways as Assistant Highway Engineer, to Assistant Civil Engineer at Riverside County.

2-8-65 Ina Gibson appointed Intermediate Stenographer at San Bernardino County.

2-28-65 Adolph Hinck, Assistant State Forest Ranger, retired at San Diego County.

2-1-65 Larry G. Holdgrafer promoted from Forestry Fireman at Orange County to Forest Fire Truck Driver at Riverside County.

2-1-65 Charles B. Pister, promoted from Forestry Fireman at Orange County to Forest Fire Truck Driver at Riverside County.

2-15-65 Melvin M. Angel reinstated as Forestry Fireman after mandatory reinstatement as Forest Fire Truck Driver at Orange County from Leave.

2-16-65 Martin D. Read promoted from Forestry Fireman at Orange County to Forest Fire Truck Driver at San Bernardino County.

2-16-65 D. Scott Newman appointed
Forest Fire Truck Driver at San
Bernardino County.

2-17-65 Ronald B. Amago appointed
Forest Fire Truck Driver at San
Bernardino County.

3-1-65 Benton Stewart, Forestry
Fireman, resigned at Orange County.

3-1-65 Morrell W. Fitch, Jr., For-
estry Foreman I, resigned from San
Diego County.

MERIT SALARY ADJUSTEMENT TALLIED BY CLASS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER PAY PERIOD

	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Disallowed</u>
Assistant State Forest Ranger	1	
Associate State Forest Ranger	4	
Camp Crew Cook	9	
Delineator	1	
Deputy State Forester	1	
Forest Fire Lookout	13	
Forest Firefighter	88	
Forest Fire Truck Driver	83	6
Forester I	1	
Forester II	1	
Forestry Equipment Operator	1	
Forestry Fireman	9	
Forestry Foreman I	12	
Forestry Foreman II	9	
Intermediate Account Clerk	1	
Intermediate Stenographer	5	
Intermediate Typist Clerk	2	
Supervising Cook I	1	

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

1 Written warning (sick leave denied, excessive use of intoxicants)

1 Resigned with disciplinary action pending (substandard performance)

25-YEARS SERVICE AWARD EFFECTIVE 1-31-65

James W. Reed

Dorothea Fretts

MERIT SALARY ADJUSTMENT TALLIED BY CLASS EFFECTIVE JANUARY PAY PERIOD

	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Disallowed</u>
Assistant Civil Engineer	1	
Assistant State Forest Ranger	3	
Associate State Forest Ranger	3	
Camp Crew Cook	7	1
Forest Fire Lookout	3	
Forest Fire Truck Driver	96	2
Forest Firefighter	29	
Forestry Equipment Operator	3	
Forestry Fireman	1	
Forestry Foreman I	18	
Forestry Foreman II	14	
Forestry Graduate Trainee	4	
Groundsman	3	
Intermediate Stenographer	3	
Intermediate Typist Clerk	1	
State Forest Ranger III	1	
Stock Clerk	1	

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

- 1 Written warning
- 1 Written reprimand
- 1 2-day suspension
- 1 10-day suspension
- 1 resignation accepted with prejudice (punitive action pending)

25 YEARS SERVICE AWARD EFFECTIVE 2-28-65

Leonard Chatten

William Shimer

Palmer White

MERIT SALARY ADJUSTMENTS TALLIED BY CLASS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY PAY PERIOD

	<u>Approved</u>
Assistant State Forest Ranger	2
Associate State Forest Ranger	1
Automotive Maintenance Engineer	1
Camp Crew Cook	2
Forest Fire Truck Driver	16
Forest Firefighter (Seasonal)	2
Forester II	1
Forestry Equipment Operator	2
Forestry Fireman	1
Forestry Foreman I	11
Forestry Foreman II	9
Forestry Graduate Trainee	5
Intermediate Stenographer	1
Intermediate Typist Clerk	2

MERIT SALARY ADJUSTMENTS TALLIED BY CLASS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY PAY PERIOD (CONT.)

	Approved	Disallowed
Senior Stenographer	1	
State Forest Ranger I	1	

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

1 Written reprimand
1 - 3-day suspension
2 - 5-day suspension
1 - 10-day suspension

25 YEARS SERVICE AWARD EFFECTIVE 3-31-65

John Andrade

Denver Wood

James Stokes

BURNING CROP RESIDUE A COSTLY PRACTICE

Deliberate burning of crop residues could cost farmers and ranchers the money provided them under the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service cost-sharing plan.

The Texas State Committee of ASCS ruled in October that "deliberate burning of any crop residue, other than flax, will be considered a practice tending to defeat the purposes of the program."

Under this determination, all or any part of the cost-shares, which would be due the person who violated the policy, may be withheld or be required to be refunded.

Approximately 10 percent of the more than 4000 wildfires controlled last year by the Texas Forest Service were caused by burning off field debris.

Burning field residues not only destroys moisture-holding organic matter but valuable nutrients as well.

For example, an estimated six dollars worth of fertilizer is lost when an acre of cotton or corn stalks and grasses go up in smoke. Although the residual ash is high in nutrients, much of the ash is blown away by the wind or the nutrients are readily leached by the first good rain.

Farmers and ranchers will do well to think twice before engaging in this dangerous and costly practice in which more is lost than gained.

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REDWOODS AND THE ATOM

Redwood plays a key role in the design of the N. S. (nuclear ship) SAVANNAH, able to circle the globe almost 15 times on a single charge of nuclear fuel. The SAV-

ANNAH's powerplant reactor is protected against collision damage by a two-foot-thick shell of steel and redwood, according to The Budd Co., which supplied some of the components for the vessel.

The Lumber Letter
March 5, 1965

LETTER TO DIRECTOR DEWITT NELSON FROM
GOVERNOR BROWN DATED FEBRUARY 10, 1965

"Division of Forestry personnel and twelve hundred inmates of Conservation Camps played a major role in protecting property in the Christmas floods.

"You and the Department of Conservation are to be commended for the manner in which these men worked to help fight back the high water of record Sierra river flows as it came through the Sacramento Valley.

"The men who labored night and day to save Twitchell Island and Bachel Island in the Delta deserve special praise. It is a tribute to them that a near impossible task was accomplished.

"In addition to your people who fought the flood on the levees in the valley, those in the flood areas of the north coast also did yeoman service on their own initiative in rescue, communications and other activities under hazardous and trying circumstances.

"It is most noteworthy that the Division of Forestry's communications network was the only one in the north area that operated without failure throughout the storm and flood emergency. It provided invaluable service to the local communities involved, to the military rescue craft,

and to other units of state government operating in the same areas.

"Particular credit should go to those men who struggled to the mountain top communications vaults and remained there throughout the emergency to keep the vital radio and telephone equipment in operation.

"Please pass along my thanks to all these men of the Department of Conservation who assisted in flood and rescue operations throughout the state.

"Sincerely

"/s/ Edmund G. Brown, Governor"

CONSERVATION NEEDS

National Inventory of Conservation Needs just published by the Department of Agriculture -- based on three years of work by eight USDA agencies, shows that nearly two-thirds of the privately-owned agricultural land in the U. S. needs conservation treatment, and that erosion is still the dominant conservation problem in the nation.

In addition, the report states, watershed improvement is needed on over 8,300 watersheds, 65 percent of the small watersheds in the country.

National Association of Soil & Water
Conservation Districts
Batchelor, Louisiana
March 16, 1965



CLERKS OF THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY - APPROXIMATELY 1937

The names are as follows: Miss Ann Duffy, seated. Standing left to right: Ida (Gates) Mahan; Carol Bennets; Doris (Hale) Young; Miss Lenore Calkins; Miss Phylis Borden; Shirley Matthewson; Dorothy Siler (Kennedy), and Elsa Griesel.

The room is at the northwest corner of the third floor of the State Office Building #1 which was first known as the Capitol Extension Building. Windows at left face west, the door at the rear entered a storeroom. That rear wall was removed a few years later.

This was long before the building was air conditioned. Note door transom may be lowered by the rod at right side of right door. Also note the door closing cushion device. The rather poor electric lights in the ceiling were individually turned on by pulling the drop cords from the ceiling.

There is an electric fan barely visible at the extreme upper left, although none is situated on the shelf from which an extension electric desk lamp is hanging. Windows are equipped with venetian blinds to keep out the afternoon sun. At this date, trees planted around the building were not high enough to offer shade to the third floor.

Note bookends on the window ledge. Sometimes objects would fall from these ledges. Over the flowers at lower left and against the wall, can be seen the top of a steam radiator. The building

was heated by steam produced in the basement.

Miss Duffy, seated, had been the secretary of the Board of Forestry and State Forester back as far as the rejuvenation of the Board in September, 1918, when former Governor Pardee was appointed Chairman. He always referred to her affectionately as the "Lieutenant". At the time of this picture, she had been relieved of much of the secretarial work and spent most of her time as the mail clerk.

A hand mail stamp is observed at the lower left. This was replaced by an electric clock stamp some time later. Also, a postage scale is observed behind the stamp machine. Probably the Van Dyke cigar box contained stamps. The wire basket at the lower center takes care of "outgoing mail".

C. Raymond Clar
March, 1965



W. J. "BILL" SHIMER PRESENTED
25-YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Assistant Ranger W. J. "Bill" Shimer of Coulterville, Mariposa Ranger Unit was presented a 25-year service award on the evening of February 19th. The presentation was made by Associate Ranger John Lundgren at a turkey dinner prepared by Division of Forestry employees and wives, and served in the barracks at Mariposa Headquarters. More than seventy persons were in attendance to pay their compliments and respect to Bill and his wife, Grace.

Shimer began his career in 1937, working seasonally the first three years as a foreman and truck driver. He was promoted to Assistant Ranger in 1940 and has served in that capacity in the Coulterville District ever since.

RECORDS NEEDED

Historical Document Desired.

During the period 1932-42 there existed, the State Division of Forestry Employees Association, C. E. Metcalf, Chairman. This employee group was organized essentially for the purpose of improving the miserable salary structure of forestry employees at that time and for other mutual benefits. Several commendable things were in fact accomplished before the association withered under the impact of war pressures and other causes. At any rate, the few files uncovered during the recent State headquarters move do not contain a copy of by-laws. We urge any office or person having such a document to permit us to deposit it in State Archives for perpetuity.

C. R. Clar

APPREHEND TROUBLEMAKERS SOLVE BULK
OF FIRE PROBLEM

The first month of 1965 saw state woodlands suffer the heaviest January forest fire losses in five years.

A total of 1,113 fires burned 16,138 acres of timberlands in the state during January. Highest previous year since 1961 was in '63 when only 614 fires burned 10,589 acres. The year '61 itself was the "coolest" logged in this five-year period, with only 336 fires burning 6,405 acres statewide.

Part of the trouble, State Forester Mixon explained, was due to critical weather. High winds were common, and of eight reporting stations all but one recorded excessively below normal rainfall for the period. Suffering the most rainfall deficiencies were the Alexandria area, about four and one-half inches below normal; the Monroe area, three and one-half inches below normal; and that Olla and Winnsboro areas, both slightly more than three inches deficient.

"A heavy majority of well over 60 percent of these fires in January," he observed, "were deliberately set. Most of this can be charged against four parishes, Beauregard, Allen, and Calcasieu, in the southwest, and St. Tammany in the southeast."

"With apprehension of the troublemakers, and successful convictions in the courts, the bulk of the forest fire problem in Louisiana could be licked," Mixon predicted.

Louisiana Forestry Commission
Bulletin
February, 1965

LETTER TO F. H. RAYMOND REGARDING
VISIT FROM MR. A. T. RIVERA FROM
DEPUTY STATE FORESTER JAMES K. MACE
DATED MARCH 8, 1965

"On February 24, this office was contacted by the Philippine Consulate in Los Angeles as to the possibility of the Chief Forester of the Republic of the Philippines A. T. Rivera's meeting with Division personnel to become acquainted with Division operations.

"On February 26, Mr. Rivera attended the meeting of the California Fire Chiefs Association, Southern Section, along with Deputy Mace and Fire Prevention Coordinator Frank Crossfield at Thousand Oaks. Mr. Rivera addressed the group. Later that day Mr. Rivera, in the company of Deputy Mace, visited the District VI headquarters and expressed considerable interest in the fire prevention section, especially the television film spots and fire prevention material.

"On Monday, March 1, Mr. Rivera, accompanied by Assistant Deputy Schori and Ranger Skinner, toured the San Bernardino Ranger headquarters, fuel-breaks, and insect control projects in the Crestline and Arrowhead areas. Mr. Rivera also visited the Pilot Rock Conservation Camp.

"On Tuesday, March 2, Mr. Rivera, accompanied by Assistant Ranger Ferguson from the District Office staff, went to the San Dimas Experiment Station and was taken on a field trip of current projects on land conversion and soil stabilization by personnel from the Experiment Station. During the afternoon, Mr. Rivera visited the Fire Research Laboratory in Riverside. Mr. and Mrs. Rivera spent the night of March 2 as house guests of Ranger Skinner and his wife at their Rim Forest home.

"On March 3, Mr. Rivera concluded his brief visit with a tour of the Big Bear Timber Company Mill and Presswood Plant in the Redlands area.

"Mr. Rivera is on a round-the-world tour for his country and expressed his deep appreciation for the information and courtesy accorded him by all personnel involved.

"/s/ James K. Mace
Deputy State Forester"

REPORT FROM ARCATA REDWOOD COMPANY ON
WORLD'S TALLEST TREES

There was no apparent damage to any of the Tall Trees during the flooding although there appeared to have been approximately 4' of water over the flat where the Tallest Tree stands. Due to the high water a complete inspection of the creek bank was impossible, however it appears that the diversion project carried out by crews has proved successful.

We have had many inquiries regarding the condition of the Tall Trees and take this opportunity of furnishing you the most complete information we have. When weather and stream conditions permit we will make a more detailed examination of the area and report to you again.

Arcata Redwood Company
January 12, 1965

MERIT AWARDS - MARCH 16, 1965

John T. Odgers, Associate State Forest Ranger, District V Headquarters, Monterey, received the following for submitting Merit Award Suggestion No. 36350:

1. Warrant number 1-627373 for \$25.80 representing cash award of \$30.00,

less withholding tax.

2. Certificate of Award.

3. Letter from Mr. Nelson.

Mr. Odgers recommended modification of standard Forestry padlocks, in specified locations, to permit access by designated non-Forestry personnel furnished separate keys.

Craig D. Kiggins, Forest Fire-fighter, in Fresno County, was awarded a Certificate of Commendation for "pinning down" work shoe specifications as now required in California Division of Forestry "Uniform Standards and Specifications."

LETTER TO MR. F. H. RAYMOND FROM
DEWITT NELSON, DIRECTOR DATED JAN-
UARY 15, 1965

"While the Christmas day flood fight is not yet entirely behind us, the major effort has been accomplished and most men are now back at their home bases.

"We are still operating a 150-man camp out of the Stockton Armory, carrying on flood preventive work in the lower reaches of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and standing by in anticipation of high tides.

"I want to express my deep appreciation to all of the men, women, and wives of Forestry members and the men in the Conservation Camps who so gallantly participated in this flood fight over the holidays. It was an outstanding job in helping confine the flood waters within levee banks, rescuing people, saving property, and caring for those who had lost their homes in the flood.

"This has been another outstanding example of Forestry's ever-

readiness to meet an emergency situation with enthusiasm, initiative and competence. I have heard nothing but praise for the outstanding job that was done. I realize that it destroyed the Christmas holidays for many families; so I know that the wives and families, too, carried a heavy load during this period.

"On January 13, I had the opportunity of seeing some of the work that was done in the Delta region by our forces. While this was only a small sample of all the work done throughout northern California, it is indicative of the total. Had it not been for the capabilities and dependability of our forces, much more heartbreak and damage would have resulted.

"Will you please extend to everyone in the Division of Forestry, including the men in the camps, who participated in any manner during this flood fight my deep appreciation for a tough job well done. I know that this also expresses the appreciation of Governor Brown, Agency Administrator Hugo Fisher, and the people of California.

"/s/ DeWitt Nelson, Director

LETTER TO ALL FORESTRY EMPLOYEES
FROM F. H. RAYMOND, STATE FORESTER,
DATED JANUARY 15, 1965

"In recent weeks Northern California has suffered tremendous losses due to the flooding caused by the warm tropical storms that dropped excessive amounts of precipitation on our watersheds.

"As always, the California Division of Forestry responded quickly to the emergency and helped out in a variety of ways. Some emergency work is still in process at this time.

Included in the emergency tasks performed by our personnel were the following: evacuation of people, levee patrol and sandbagging, removal of slides on roads, saving of structures, protecting bridges and highways, feeding and housing displaced people, and providing emergency structural protection. Many other emergency duties too numerous to list here were performed in an excellent manner.

"I am proud of the work performed by the Division personnel and by the inmates of the conservation camps. The many extra hours of duty were spent at a time of the year when most of the people were taking time out to enjoy the holidays.

"Governor Edmund G. Brown, Administrator Hugo Fisher, and Director DeWitt Nelson have all expressed their commendations to me for the outstanding emergency work performed by California Division of Forestry personnel and the conservation camp inmates.

"Thanks for a job well done.

"/s/ F. H. Raymond, State Forester"

LETTER TO FELLOW WORKERS OF THE
RESOURCES AGENCY FROM HUGO FISHER
ADMINISTRATOR OF RESOURCES, DATED
JANUARY 19, 1965

"The past month has been a trying one for everyone in those areas flooded by the Christmas storms. There have been some deaths and much misery, inconvenience, and property damage due to this Northern California catastrophe.

"The loss and misery would have been infinitely greater but

for the tireless and unselfish labor of you who were in the forefront of the flood fighting. Many of you were called back from your well-earned vacation to labor in the rain and cold, and many of you graciously gave up your Christmas and New Year's holidays to work in the disaster areas.

"You are to be commended on your competence in rescue operations and in aiding the evacuation of families. The families who had lost their homes must have been most admiring of the efficient way you housed and fed these large groups of homeless individuals. We recognize you gave your help wherever it was needed--help in patrolling and sandbagging levees; in repairing and reopening roads; in the protection of bridge installations and highways; in the 24-hour duty of maintaining critically needed communication facilities; in the reading of stream gauges so that proper control measures could be applied upstream and that early warnings could be issued where further threats might arise; in the work of providing fresh water to communities with contaminated water supplies, as well as many other efforts to aid these disaster victims. You are to be commended for the unselfish way you gave up your time and worked that others might have safety, protection, and a bit more comfort during this disaster period.

"I wish to express the appreciation of the Governor and myself for the untiring efforts of everyone involved in this flood fighting effort.

"/s/ Hugo Fisher
Administrator of Resources"

LETTER TO MR. ROBERT BURNS FROM
CHARLES COUPE, CHAIRMAN YUBA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DATED JAN. 19,
1965.

"On behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Yuba County, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your fine efforts and splendid cooperation while acting as State Forestry Ranger for Yuba and Nevada Counties. It has been a real pleasure working with you, and although we hate to see you go, we recognize that your recent appointment as Assistant Deputy State Forester is a well deserved promotion.

"Again, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Yuba County, our heartfelt thanks and congratulations on your appointment.

"Sincerely,

"/s/ Charles E. Coupe, Chairman
Yuba County Board of Supervisors"

SUGAR PINE IN THE ARTIC

The letter below to Miss Ruth Minear (Sacramento) is from a friend in Finland who visited here several years ago. Her husband is a "County Forester". At that time State Forester F. H. Raymond obtained some tree seed for her to take back to Finland. The writer raised one sugar pine in a pot which was pulled out by the roots by a visiting child. She asked for more sugar pine seed (through Miss Minear) about two years ago. This was sent as requested. The result of this "try" is described in the letter.

"I really feel ashamed of myself for having not said a word about the sugar pine seeds. And yet how we have enjoyed them! It was

really an exciting event when at last a few of them germinated. Only one survived through the dark winter and it is now about thirty centimeters high, and looks vigorous. It was in my husband's care last winter, we others were hardly allowed to look at it. Now it is on my window because here it gets a bit more light. At this time of the year it is dark here. The sun goes down at three in the afternoon and then it is dark for about eighteen hours. On cloudy days there is only a kind of twilight between the two darks.

"Eve Hauraenem
Kouvola, Finland"

LETTER TO RANGER SPRINGER FROM DEPUTY
CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR OF GARBERVILLE,
DATED FEBRUARY 16, 1965

"Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Neil Graff. Your men at Garberville, Fort Seward and Laytonville did an excellent job during the recent flood emergency. The knowledge and the training which they had was invaluable in expanding our basic Civil Defense organization. The fact that these capable men accepted the responsibility to serve the community, was a significant contribution, facilitating our rescue operations and increasing the level of public safety.

"The Division of Forestry should particularly be proud of the job that Neil Graff, Dave Sharp and Ed. Poe did. It is my hope that you will properly recognize their work within your own organization.

"Yours very sincerely

"/s/William P. Stewart
Deputy Civil Defense Admin.
Garberville Operations Area
Humboldt County, California

LETTER OF COMMENDATION TO MR. LEWIS
GERLINGER FROM J. J. JACOBS, DATED
FEBRUARY 24, 1965

"You officers get so many undeserved 'brick bats' that I feel when I read of a fellow like you doing such a wonderful job outside the call of duty, I want to congratulate him.

"I am thanking the Lord that we have men like you in law and enforcement work.

"Sincerely yours,

"/s/ J. J. Jacobs
J. J. Jacobs Cadillac Company

LETTER TO RANGER KESSLER FROM THE
MONTE RIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.
DATED JANUARY 25, 1965

"During our recent Christmas floods Monte Rio was most fortunate to receive the voluntary services of Roger Kramer, a Division of Forestry employee.

"He demonstrated great organizational ability and coordinated rescue and salvage operations in this area. Had it not been for his efforts, Monte Rio might have sustained much greater damage to personal property than it did under his direction.

"We, the members of the Monte Rio Chamber of Commerce, wish to acquaint you with these facts and express our desire that Mr. Kramer's efforts be recognized and that he be credited with skilled handling of the crisis here in a manner that not only gained him great respect but the Division of Forestry as well.

"Most respectfully yours
The Monte Rio Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
/s/ Gilson Willets, Secretary"

LETTER TO RANGER KESSLER FROM COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DATED JANUARY
20, 1965

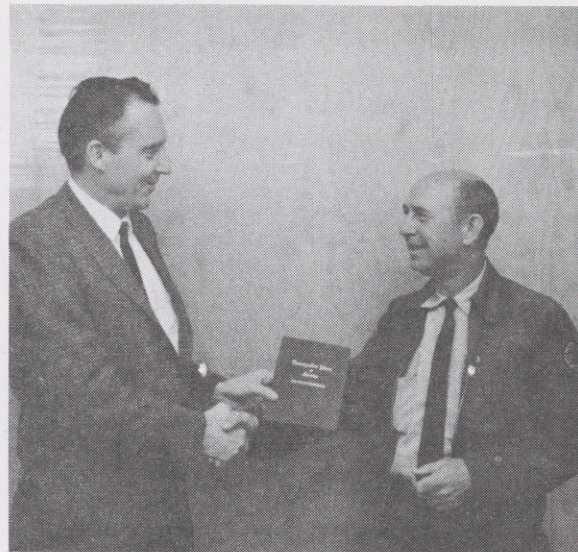
"The Russian River Basin Flood of December 22-26, 1964 will be long remembered and its effects will be felt for some time to come. However, we can all be thankful that through the overtime efforts of yourself and your organization, property loss was kept to a minimum, panic was averted and, most importantly, there was no loss of life.

"Enclosed is a copy of the resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors in recognition of meritorious service performed during the Christmas flood of 1964. This was adopted by the Board on Dec. 28, and is directed towards the aid given by your organization.

"I want you to know that I am personally mindful of your personal contribution, and the effect of the 15 men, radios, and 6 trucks from your organization used during this time that aided our united county effort at the time of this disaster. With kindest regards.

"Sincerely,

"/s/ Robert E. "Bob" Rath
Supervisor, Fifth District"



DENVER P. WOOD RECEIVES 25 YEARS
OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

Ranger J. W. Miller called a special Lake Ranger Unit meeting on March 3, 1965, in recognition of Denver Wood's past service to the State of California. Assistant State Forest Ranger Wood was presented a 25 year pin and a certificate for "Twenty-five Years of Service (to the) State of California" by Assistant Deputy State Forester Larry E. Richey. Denver has been associated with the Division of Forestry for nearly 30 years. He first went to work with our organization during the summer of 1937, after having worked closely with the Division for three years while he was employed by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Denver is presently assigned to the Clearlake Oaks Assistant Ranger District. During his many years of service he has been a Foreman and Assistant Ranger in the Humboldt, Mendocino and Lake Ranger Units.

MRS. MORGAN RETIRES



Mrs. Mildred Morgan, Senior Clerk in the Forest and Range Management Section in the State Forester's Office, retired March 31st after 35 years of State service. Mildred, as everyone called her, first worked for the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation of the Department of Justice. In late 1945 she transferred to the Division of Forestry, where she became virtually the first clerk in the newly launched forest management section. At that time was a two-man office, consisting of the late Preston McCanlies and George Craig, who is now in trade association work. Mildred witnessed and contributed to the growth of this function into the many forest, range, and watershed management programs that the Division operates.

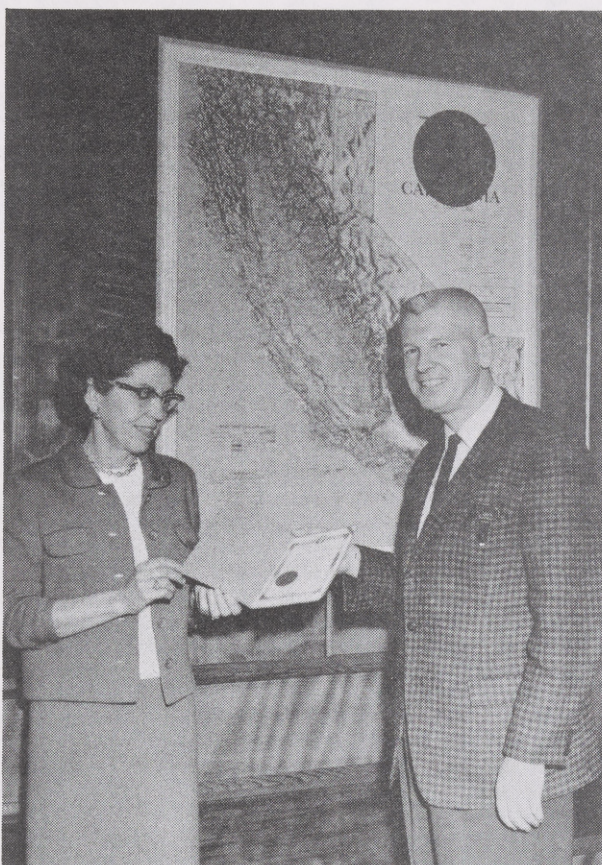
Mrs. Morgan has been an active member of the Forestry 25-Year Club, having served as secretary one term. She plans to continue this association to keep in touch with her many forestry friends. Mildred will continue to reside in Sacramento, keeping busy managing home affairs and some business interests, and in occasional travel.

JACK HANSEN PASSES AWAY

John C. "Jack" Hansen, District IV Business Manager, passed away at a Fresno Hospital on March 14 following a heart attack. Although he had developed a heart condition during the past several months, his death came as a shock to his family and friends.

Jack began his forestry career as a seasonal suppression crew foreman in San Bernardino County in 1935. He renewed his employment each summer although he spent 1938 and 1939 as a Forest Guard on the San Bernardino National Forest. He returned to the Division of Forestry in 1941 and was promoted to Assistant Ranger in August. He was drafted by the Navy for 15 months during 1945 and 1946, serving as a fire fighter instructor. Upon his discharge he was reinstated in San Bernardino County. Two years later he was promoted to Associate Ranger and filled ranger unit assignments in Fresno and Tulare Counties for 12 years. In 1960 he became Business Manager at District IV Headquarters and served in this position since that time.

Jack is survived by his wife, Florence; and children, Mrs. Janice Gardner of Clovis, and John and Evelyn. A sister, Betty, is the wife of Madera Ranger Bob Moran.



DEPUTY GROGAN PRESENTS AWARD TO
MRS. FRETTS

On February first, Mrs. Dorthea M. Fretts, Accounting Technician II, was presented a certificate and pin in recognition of her twenty-five years of service to the State.

The presentation was made by Mr. George Grogan, Deputy State Forester in charge of the Sierra Cascade District.

Mrs. Fretts' career with the State began in Sacramento where she was first employed by the Department of Motor Vehicles as a Junior Stenographer. From Sacramento, she moved to Redding where for the next four years she worked for the Division of Highways. In 1943, she transferred to the District II office of the Division of Forestry which, at that

time, consisted of two rooms in the old Shasta County Court House. In her twenty-one years with the Division, Mrs. Fretts has seen many changes. In reflecting upon these earlier days, she recalled the following:

Her office in the Court House had but one window which opened onto an alley and offered a fine, unobstructed view of the drab, barred windows of the County Jail. The Deputy's office had the benefit of an "extra" door without monetary outlay by merely using a large ground-floor window. There were five employees in the office plus two girls who worked the night shift to handle civil defense calls.

In 1946, the office was moved to a building on West Placer Street which formerly housed a Maternity Hospital. Here, Mrs. Fretts' office not only had its own outside entrance, but also had a fireplace. Since the fireplace was not used for its original purpose, it was a convenient place for the sandbox used by a stray kitten which some of the employees had befriended. During this same year, the number of employees increased by the hiring of a carpenter, painter, radio technician, warehouseman, and several forest management people. Also in 1946, the present District office site of approximately four acres was purchased from the City of Redding and plans were made for the actual construction.

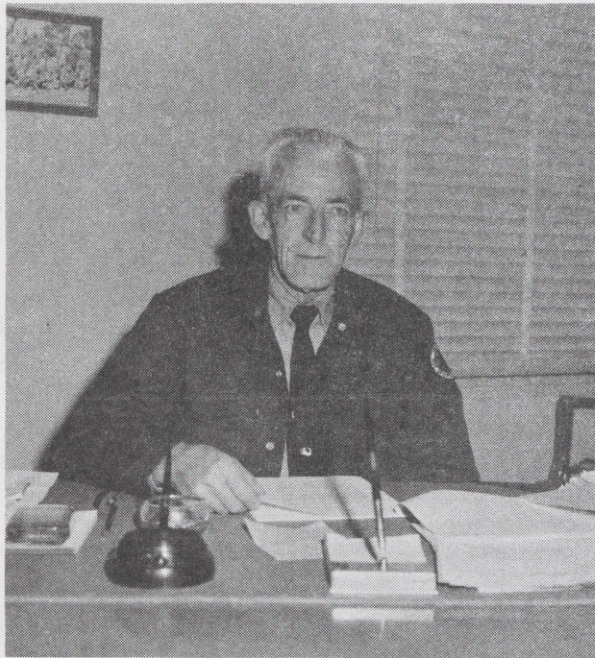
Finally in the fall of 1949, the move to the present office was made. District personnel had now reached a total of nineteen.

During her tenure with the Division, Mrs. Fretts has been associated with four Deputy State Foresters--Mr. Mace, Mr. Pomponio, Mr. Callaghan,

and Mr. Grogan. She has seen the District office grow from two rooms and five employees, to its present large quarters and forty employees.

Mrs. Fretts admits that there have been a few bad days but these were overshadowed by the good ones, and she is proud to be a part of our ever-growing organization.

As Deputy Grogan said at the presentation, "It is indeed a pleasure to honor so dedicated an employee."



MILES H. YOUNG RETIRES
1927-1965

State Forest Ranger II, Miles H. Young, retired April 30, after 38 years of service which began in Lassen County

on May 16, 1927.

Indulging in reminiscences; Miles described his first transportation with the State as being his own model "T" Ford, with gasoline furnished by the State, and his firefighters were volunteers paid on time slips.

Office space was rented by the State in the Forest Supervisors office in Susanville. Communication was extremely difficult because of the very few telephone lines in existence in that area. Miles mentioned that communications were not needed on fires in those days as you "just stayed on the fires until they were out".

Leaving Lassen County in June of 1928, Miles was transferred to Trinity County where he rented office space in the Supervisors office of the Trinity National Forest. The young Assistant Supervisor of the forest at that time was DeWitt Nelson, our present Director of the Department of Conservation.

In 1929, Miles was transferred to Butte County and spent 14 years as Ranger there, before leaving for District V as Fire Control Officer.

Called to the State Forester's office for assignment in 1945, Miles put in several months as acting Training Officer before going to Lake County in August of that year for a six-day tour of duty that lasted 12 years instead.

His final tour of duty began in January 1, 1958, when he reported as Ranger in the Calaveras Ranger Unit from which he is now retiring.

Miles and Ruth Young, have five children; 4 married and 1 a student at Sacramento City College and are the proud grandparents of 8 grandchildren.

For those that care to write, the Youngs retirement address is: 7812 Skyway, Paradise, California.

LETTER TO RANGER LOCKHART FROM MR. E. NEDD GIRARD DATED JANUARY 8, 1965

"Please forgive me for not having your first name, but I could not let too much time go by without sending you a note expressing my appreciation for your help in Humboldt State's recent emergency. Really, if someone woke me as early in the morning as I did you I wonder if I would have reacted as quickly and cheerfully as you did.

"Now that the crisis is past it is interesting to think in retrospect of what could have happened. Believe me, there is one sure thing; I and the students of Humboldt State send our thanks to you and the Division of Forestry for your help and cooperation.

"Sincerely yours,

"/s/ E. Nedd Girard, Dean
Counseling and Testing"

VETERAN FORESTER SUCCUMBS AT 76

Evan A. Joy, a veteran of more than 40 years with the U. S. Forest Service and the Division of Forestry, died in a Fresno hospital on March 4. Evan started his career in 1908 with the Federal Government on the Tahoe National Forest. In 1926, he went to work for the California Division of Forestry in Siskiyou County as Ranger. In May 1927, he became Ranger for Fresno County and remained there until 1943, when he was transferred to Sono-

ma County. His last few years were served at the Sacramento Headquarters. In 1950, he retired and moved to Capitola where he resided until December 1964. In December of 1964, he and his wife June moved back to Fresno. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Sylvia Nash of Sparks, Nevada, and Mrs. June Mclurg of Fresno, and a son, Maurice, of Fresno. Funeral services were held March 8, in Fresno followed by cremation. Mrs. Joy's address is 206 South Winery Avenue, Fresno 93702. I know she would appreciate hearing from many of her old-time friends.

C. E. Metcalf

NEW FIND OF BIG SAGEBRUSH

Big Sagebrush Artemisia tridentata extending over 1000 acres has been discovered in the Joaquin Ridge area of western Fresno County by Range Specialist H. W. "Bud" Wolfram. The find, made on May 19, 1964, has been recently confirmed by the University of California. Bud has nearly completed a detailed mapping project. Considerable interest has developed over the large acreage involved and Wolfram has received requests for herbarium specimens and detailed information from University officials and authors.

The sage is situated about 12 miles northwest of Coalinga at an elevation range from 2,000 feet to 3,620 feet above sea level. Average seasonal precipitation in this area is about 12½ inches, with average temperatures ranging from 15 degrees to 95 degrees. Soils are of upper cretaceous marine and are classified as rockland in a 1964 soil survey.

Some of the associated plants are Artemisia californica, Juniperus californica, Ephedra californica,

Yucca Whipplei, Ceanothus leuco-
dermis, Ceanothus cuneatus, Salvia
mollifera, Eriodictyon tomentosum,
Eriodictyon californicum, and
Quercus dumosa.



CAMP CREW COOK HERBERT D. SMITH RETIRES

A luncheon honoring retiring Camp Crew Cook Herbert D. Smith was held March 10, 1965, at the San Bernardino County Headquarters of the California Division of Forestry. At the luncheon attended by 45 of his friends and fellow employees he was presented with a wrist watch and a fishing pole.

W. W. "Butch" Skinner, State Forest Ranger and County Fire Warden, and other Forestry personnel presented farewell messages honoring Mr. Smith. "Smitty", as he was known to all, has worked as Camp Crew Cook in San Bernardino County since 1957. Future plans of Smitty and his wife include moving to New Mexico and spending a very restful retirement.

RETIREES HONORED

Saturday night, March 6th, 1960 friends and fellow employees of the San Diego Ranger Unit gathered to honor Assistant State Forest Ranger Adolph Hinck, who retired March 1, 1965, after 34 years of service. Also honored were Forest Fire Lookouts Hubert L. Hatchel and his wife Jackie and Mrs. Arthur Parker.

Several presentations were made, these included a "gold retired badge" to Adolph, a "retired" CSEA pin and scroll, pictures and "guest book" which was signed by those attending. The Lookouts were presented a small hardwood replica of their lookout and pictures.

Hinck began work in San Diego County in April 1931, when he was appointed County Fire Warden under Luther C. Gordon. He was appointed Assistant State Forest Ranger in June 1934. Early assignments included camp superintendent at Minnewawa, Assistant Ranger at Lyons Valley and work in the La Mesa Shop. He plans to develop his weekend "Rancho at Witch Creek" and has purchased a travel trailer which will also be enjoyed by his wife Betty and daughter Kay.

"Bert" Hatchel started to work with the Division of Forestry at the Tecate Lookout in September 1942. He retired at the end of the 1964 fire season and is planning to make his home in Waterford east of Modesto. Jackie Hatchel became a lookout also in 1942, working at spotting planes for the government. She resigned in 1945, and returned to work again at Mt. Woodson in 1958, and worked during the fire seasons until her retirement at the end of the 1964 fire season.

Mrs. Arthur F. Parker (Calla Brauner before her marriage February 8, 1964) originally went to work in

El Dorado County in 1942, spotting planes for the government and in 1949, she went to work in Calaveras County. She worked in Calaveras County from 1949 to 1959, when she went to Monterey County. In 1960 Calla transferred to San Diego County. She retired at the end of the 1964 fire season and will spend her time at the Bow Willow Ranger Station in the Borrego Anza State Park where her husband is stationed.

Grace Rockwell
San Diego Ranger Unit

ANTIQUE FIRE EQUIPMENT

A State Division of Forestry forest fire truck driver in Bloomington who collects antique fire fighting equipment for a hobby hopes to make the collection one of the largest in Southern California.

Ray M. Russell said his collection includes 26 fire fighting helmets, including seven from foreign countries, toy foreign fire fighting apparatus, model fire fighting equipment ranging from horse drawn to present made by himself and other equipment, including an old fire department speaking trumpet, clothing and history books.

Russell added he plans to use his collection for fire prevention exhibits in the future.

He is particularly interested now in locating various types of fire alarms for his collection.

"I have been around fire departments since I was six years of age," said Russell. "My father was in the San Diego Fire Department for eight

years. I have always been interested in fire equipment."

San Bernardino Sun-Telegram
By Nevin F. Miller

FEATHER FALLS DESIGNATED SCENIC
AREA

A scenic area has been created around Feather Falls, the third highest waterfall in the United States, according to a public notice issued by Regional Forester, Chas. A. Connaughton. The new scenic area, in the Plumas National Forest in Butte County, contains 15,000 acres. It is located in the canyon of the Middle Fork of the Feather River and encompasses the three tributaries, Fall River, South Branch and Little North Fork, of the Middle Fork Feather River.

"Scenic Area Classification assures that the area will be managed with the protection of scenery the most important consideration," Connaughton said.

Connaughton explained that rustic facilities for picnicking and wilderness type camping will be installed in the Scenic Area. Mainly, though, the overnight camping will be at campgrounds which will be accessible by car on the periphery of the area. All improvements will be designed to harmonize with natural surroundings.

Feather Falls is presently listed as the third highest waterfall in the United States with a total fall of 640 feet. Yosemite and Ribbon Falls in Yosemite National Park are higher.

National Forest News
California Region
March 31, 1965

RICHARD W. CRONIN TRANSFERRING

For several days now we have been watching our Dispatcher, Dick Cronin, emptying desk drawers--rearranging, tossing out, etc. all those items a person normally collects over several years--and, finally disposing of, one by one, those very important reminders to himself. The desk is beginning to look too clean even for as fastidious a person as Dick is in this respect and we are now beginning to realize that Dick is really leaving! The desk will get its final dusting from him on April 2, 1965.

Yes, after four years of hard work behind a dispatch desk, Dick is transferring to Tulare Ranger Unit into a Schedule "A" field position.

March 16 we surprised him with a farewell dessert party at the San Andreas messhall, where he was presented with an inscribed cigarette lighter. All the Unit's personnel gathered here by 1230 and then Dick was called to return to the station for an "important meeting" with Deputy Dunow, who conveniently happened to be touring through. Dick walked in unsuspectingly and was thoroughly surprised.

We have all, without exception, enjoyed working with Dick and we sincerely wish him the best in life. In his newly-found friends we should hope that he finds one or two people to remind him of the Calaveras Characters, just to keep him on his toes.

Mary K. Serra
Intermediate Stenographer



L. R. CHATTEN PRESENTED WITH
25-YEAR SERVICE CERTIFICATE

On March 22, Chief Deputy Moran presented Assistant Deputy State Forester L. R. Chatten with the certificate marking Chatten's completion of 25 years of State service, effective February 28, 1965. This presentation was made as a part of the initial get-together for the Helitack Training School at Porterville in the Tulare Ranger Unit.

Although Assistant Deputy Chatten's permanent appointment was made in 1940, he began his State service as a Forest Firefighter at the Middletown Station in Lake County in 1937, and was a seasonal Forest Firefighter Foreman in Lake County during the 1938 and 1939 fire seasons. In addition to serving in Lake County as Firefighter, Foreman and Assistant

Ranger, his service includes - after two years in the Marine Corps - Assistant Ranger In Napa County, Associate Ranger In San Diego County, and service in the State Forester's Office since 1950 in the capacities of Training Officer and Assistant Deputy in charge of the Equipment, Development, Maintenance and Research function of the Fire Control Section.

During his 25 years of service, Assistant Deputy Chatten has recorded several notable accomplishments, including participation in the production of the film "Campaign Fire," joint authorship with C. R. Clar of the booklet "Principles of Forest Fire Management," and Assistant Manager of "Operation Fire Stop" in 1954.

LETTER TO JAMES K. MACE, DEPUTY
STATE FORESTER, FROM JAMES G.
FENLON, DATED APRIL 1, 1965.

"In these times when we hear so often that felonious acts have taken place with apathetic persons standing nearby and not lifting a hand to lend assistance, it is indeed refreshing to learn that a Division of Forestry employee has been commended by law enforcement officials. The employee commended for his aggressive action in bringing a burglar to justice was Forestry Foreman I Frankie Williams, an employee in the San Diego Ranger Unit for nearly twenty-five years. Frankie Williams was very modest about the praise and commented, you probably would have done the same thing yourself.

"Prompting this item was the following letter received by Foreman Williams:

"Mr. Frank James Williams
State Division of Forestry
4715 Date Avenue
La Mesa, California

Dear Mr. Williams:

"I want to commend you for your direct and positive course of action pursued on the evening of March 8th when you observed and apprehended a person in the act of committing a burglary at Mather & Rowe Boat Sales, 8068 La Mesa Boulevard.

"The person committing this crime may have gone undetected if it had not been for your course of action.

"The officers following up on this incident join with me in extending to you our sincere thanks."

Very truly yours,

Glenn B. Adams
Chief of Police
City of La Mesa

"By way of further explanation it is a well known fact in this area that Frankie is an avid fisherman and proud owner of a very well equipped 18 foot boat. It seems that Frank houses his boat at a La Mesa boat shop where he also doubles as a boat accessory installer and as such has keys to allow him to work in the evenings. It was on just such an occasion that Frank happened upon this intruder inside the boat shop, and inside one of the boats removing several large fishing reels. As luck would have it, out of about 18 boats he had chosen the boat belonging to Frankie. Frankie is not one for long conversations so after a brief discussion and a bit of verbal maneuvering, the owner of the boat shop was telephoned and arrived post haste. Subsequently in short order

the local gendarmes arrived and took the men into custody. It seems this cleared several unsolved burglaries in the area and Frankie still claims it was only a matter of protecting his interests and that, of course, was his fishing interests.

"Needless to say we are quite proud of the way Frankie handled the situation.

"/s/ James G. Fenlon
"State Forest Ranger"



TWO RECEIVE 25-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Twenty-five year service awards were presented to Associate Ranger James Stokes and Assistant Ranger Palmer White, both of Tulare Ranger Unit, at the annual Forestry Women's dance held at the 509 Club in Fresno on March 13. A packed house paid tribute as joint honors were offici-

ally conveyed to Stokes by Deputy Don Knowlton and to White by Associate Ranger John Rosar.

Their forestry careers were summarized by the speakers.

Stokes:

Jim began work as a seasonal guard with the U. S. Forest Service in 1938 in Trinity National Forest and in 1939 in Shasta National Forest. During the winter months he worked on a snow removal program for the State Division of Highways in Siskiyou County. In the spring and summer of 1940 he worked as a dispatcher in Nevada Ranger Unit, but went back to snow removal for the last time that winter. He became a Forest Fire Dispatcher at Redding in the spring of 1941 and a year later was promoted to Assistant Ranger. He did a hitch in the Army Air Force during the war, reinstating in Shasta Ranger Unit in the spring of 1946. He accepted an appointment as a Work Project Supervisor at Coarsegold C.Y.A. Camp in the spring of 1947. In September 1956 he transferred to Miramonte Conservation Camp and served there for one year until he assumed duties of Associate Ranger in Tulare Ranger Unit. While in this position, Jim has contributed considerably to the statewide air program.

White:

Palmer started his fire service career in May 1935, as a paid part-time Fireman for the City of Lindsay. He became a firefighter with the Division of Forestry at the start of the 1938 season, earning a promotion to Assistant Fire Truck Driver in July. (Palmer reminisces this era as a period of no particular "due-date" for the pay check.)

Around July 1941, Palmer chose promotion to Forest Fire Truck

Driver over Foreman for equal pay and for what many believed was a better opportunity for yearlong employment. He was appointed Assistant Ranger in November, 1942, and for a short while in 1943 was assigned to the District Office supervising the manning and operation of auxiliary pool equipment in Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare Counties. While performing these duties he also carried out firefighting assignments in Tulare County. One citizen east of Lindsay considered Palmer as a "whiz" because he left Kettleman City in Kings County and beat initial attack trucks to a fire at the citizen's place.

In the ensuing years Palmer has played a big part in the development and management of the Agricultural Fire Protection (Schedule "A") Program in Tulare County. Many of his innovations have spread into other areas of the State, not only within the Division, but County organizations, cities, and fire districts.

Palmer once very appropriately mentioned, in one of his mellower moods, that it hasn't been easy, either, because of the fact he has had to, as he put it, "break in" three Rangers, three Associate Rangers, and numerous Assistant Rangers that have come and gone.

